

VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE
CODE OF ORDINANCES

ARTICLE VIII. SIGNS

Sec. 30-190. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to promote and protect the public health, safety and general welfare of the Village of Key Biscayne by regulating existing and proposed Signs and other Street graphics within the Village. In particular, these Regulations are intended to preserve the unique aesthetic character of the Village and ensure that Signs are compatible with their surroundings. It is further intended to protect property values, create a better business climate, enhance the physical appearance of the community, preserve the natural beauty of the Village and improve vehicular and pedestrian safety and reduce visual pollution.

(Ord. No. 2000-5, § 2, 5-9-00)

Sec. 30-191. Prohibited Signs.

The following are prohibited in the Village:

- (1) Abandoned Signs.
- (2) Animated Signs.
- (3) Balloon Signs.
- (4) Box Wall Signs.
- (5) Buntings.
- (6) Bus Bench Signs.
- (7) Flags other than one United States flag and one other noncommercial flag together on a pole not to exceed 20 feet in height; one pole each permitted per Building.
- (8) Neon Signs (other than Reverse Channel and Wall Signs where permitted) and neon Building trim.
- (9) Off Premise Signs/Billboards.
- (10) Pole Signs.
- (11) Portable Signs.
- (12) Projecting Signs, except Canopy Signs.
- (13) Roof Signs.
- (14) Snipe Signs.
- (15) Swinging Signs.
- (16) All Signs except those placed by governmental agencies located on public property.
- (17) Any Sign on a utility pole except for the purpose of utility identification.
- (18) Any Sign that could be confused with a traffic Signal or traffic Sign.
- (19) Any Sign that in the opinion of the Village Manager constitutes a safety hazard.
- (20) Any private Sign extending over a public Right-of-Way.

(Ord. No. 2000-5, § 2, 5-9-00)

Sec. 30-195. Nonresidential district Signs.

The following Signs are authorized in all nonresidential districts in the Village:

- (1) *Monument Sign or V-Sign (Village Council approval required).*

TABLE INSET:

Number (maximum)	1 per parcel; A parcel that has a minimum of 300 feet of Street frontage and is served by two or more Access points may have one additional Sign (1)
Area (maximum)	24 square feet, except for gasoline station parcels where a 32-square-foot Sign shall be permitted.
Sign Height (maximum)	Four feet
Sign Width (maximum)	Eight feet
Setback (minimum):	
From Right-of-Way line	Five feet
From side property line	20 feet
Illumination	Externally or internally Illuminated Sign only
Supplemental provisions:	
Time and Temperature Sign authorized within total permitted Sign area	
Landscaping and visibility sight triangle on corner of lot	See section 30-197(g)

(2) *Wall Sign (permitted only on Buildings where the majority of the Floor Area is in Retail Use.)* (2)

TABLE INSET:

Type	Reverse Channel Wall Sign only
Number (maximum)	1 per ground or second floor establishment which has its own frontage and entrance facing a Public Street (3) or courtyard/Parking court
Area (maximum)	1.5 square feet for each one lineal foot of Building Frontage
Illumination	See definition of Reverse Channel Wall Sign
Supplemental provisions: See section 30-197(d) for gas station provisions	

(3) *Canopy Sign.*

TABLE INSET:

Number (maximum)	One per establishment
Area (maximum)	Four square feet

Minimum clearance above ground	Eight feet
Supplemental provisions: Must be attached in accordance with the provisions of the South Florida Building Code, as may be amended from time to time.	

(4) *Awning Sign.*

TABLE INSET:

Number	One per establishment
Lettering	One line; letters not to exceed nine inches in height
Logo	Maximum of six square feet

(5) *Directory Sign.*

TABLE INSET:

Number (maximum)	1 per entrance into a Multitenant Building, in addition to other permitted Signs
Area (maximum)	32 square feet
Location	On Building Wall (or freestanding within internal courtyard)
Illumination	Externally or internally Illuminated Signs

(6) *Window Sign (permanent).*

TABLE INSET:

Number (maximum)	Four per establishment
Area (maximum)	Eight square feet
Supplemental provisions:	
Instructional signage not exceeding two square feet in area affixed to or installed on windows or doors shall not be counted toward the overall Window signage square footage.	
Any graphic or attention getting device that is located three or more feet above the finish floor, that exceeds 16 square inches in area and is less than three feet from a window shall be considered a Window Sign.	

(7) *Instructional Sign.*

TABLE INSET:

Number	To be approved as part of Site Plan
Area (maximum)	Four square feet
Height (maximum)	Two feet

Other restrictions	No advertising copy
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(1) Subdivision of an existing Building or planned Building group shall not entitle the new parcels to additional Monument Signs.

(2) In the case of a Multitenant Center, Wall Signs are permitted on Walls that face an Access drive or internal courtyard.

(3) If the Building Frontage requirement for a Monument Sign precludes an Office Building from having a Monument Sign, one Building identification Wall Sign that otherwise meets the Wall Sign standards is authorized.

(8) *Permitted Signage in Office District.*

TABLE INSET:

Number	One per building mounted on a wall facing the street
Area (maximum)	20 sq. ft.
Letter Height (maximum)	12 inches except for lots facing Crandon Boulevard. Signs shall have a maximum letter height of 18 inches.
Illumination	Permitted only for reverse channel letters with back lighted letters
Monument Signs	Not permitted
Directory Sign	One per building located at the entrance to the building with a maximum area of 15 square feet. It may be externally or internally illuminated with the maximum watts to permit the letters to be read at a distance not to exceed three feet from the Directory Sign. This regulation only affects Directory Signs which can be viewed from a street.

(Ord. No. 2000-5, § 2, 5-9-00; Ord. No. 2005-19, § 7, 11-22-05)

Sec. 30-196. Temporary Signs.

The following Temporary Signs are authorized in the Village:

(1) *Grand Opening or Seasonal Banner Sign (permit from Village Manager required).*

TABLE INSET:

	Residential District	Nonresidential District
Number (maximum)	One per project	One per establishment
Area (maximum)	20 square feet	20 square feet
Sign Ht. (maximum)	Four feet	Four feet
Length of display	14 days	14 days
Frequency	1 per year	1 per year

(2) *Real Estate Signs.*

TABLE INSET:

	Residential District	Nonresidential District
Number (maximum)	Two per lot	One per lot
Area (maximum)	40 square inches each	Four square feet
Sign Ht. (maximum)	Four feet	Four feet
Setback (minimum)	Five feet	Five feet

(3) *Construction Sign.*

TABLE INSET:

	Residential District	Nonresidential District
Number (maximum)	One per lot	One per lot
Area (maximum)	Four square feet	Four square feet
Sign Ht. (maximum)	Four feet	Four feet
Setback (minimum)	Five feet	Five feet
Length of display	During Remodeling or construction	During Remodeling or construction

(4) *Model Sign.*

TABLE INSET:

	Residential District	Nonresidential District
Number (maximum)	One per model Unit one per Apartment Building, and one per Office and/or Retail Building	(Not applicable)
Area (maximum)	Four square feet	
Sign Ht. (maximum)	Four feet	
Model arrow	Three per Development	
Location	Model Signs or arrows directing traffic to models are prohibited on the median and Rights-of-Way along Crandon Boulevard	
Signs	Not to exceed two square feet each	
Flags	Not permitted	
Time limit	Until certificate of completion/occupancy is issued for last house or Unit in Development	

(5) *Window Sign or Menu Board, Temporary.*

TABLE INSET:

	Residential District	Nonresidential District
Area (maximum)	Not permitted	35% of window area up to a maximum of 12 square feet
Time limit		30 days
Size		Menu boards shall not exceed 8 1/2 inches × 11 inches
Supplemental provisions:		
Temporary Signs for special events by nonprofit entities that are in place no earlier than 14 days prior to the event and are removed no later than seven days after the event shall not be considered Window Signs for purposes of calculating maximum area.		

(6) *Garage Sale Sign.*

TABLE INSET:

	Residential District	Nonresidential District
Number (maximum)	One per Lot on site	Not permitted
Area (maximum)	Six square feet	
Height (maximum)	Four feet	
Length of display	Maximum of one weekend during six-month period	

(7) *Political Sign (see section 30-197(h) for supplemental provisions).*

TABLE INSET:

	Residential District	Nonresidential District
Area (maximum)	Four square feet	Four square feet
Sign Height (maximum)	Four feet	Four feet
Setback (minimum)	Five feet from edge of pavement	Five feet from edge of pavement

However, in no instance shall a Political Sign(s) be located on a public right-of-way which is adjacent to government owned property.

(8) *Real Estate Open House Sign* (in conformance with design specifications as provided by the Village Manager).

TABLE INSET:

	Residential District	Nonresidential District
Number (maximum)	One per property	Three per property
Area (maximum)	Six square feet	Six square feet
Sign Height (maximum)	1 1/2 × 2 feet	1 1/2 × 2 feet
Time limit	Shall only be permitted Wednesday, Saturdays and Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Must be removed same day.	Shall only be permitted Wednesday, Saturdays and Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Must be removed same day.
Supplemental Regulations:		
Location		
No real estate open house Signs shall be permitted to be placed in the median of or on property abutting and facing Crandon Boulevard nor within five feet of any Right-of-Way line.	Signs may be located in the public Right-of-Way provided said Sign must be Setback five feet from the edge of pavement.	Signs may be located in the public Right-of-Way provided said Sign must be Setback five feet from the edge of pavement.

(Ord. No. 2000-5, § 2, 5-9-00; Ord. No. 2001-6, § 1, 8-28-01)